



April 4, 2017

John Dargle, Parks Director
Milwaukee County Parks Department
9480 Watertown Plank Road
Wauwatosa, WI 53226

Dear Mr. Dargle,

I am writing to you today as President of the Friends of Center Street Park regarding a recent application by Tosa Fastpitch to the Milwaukee County Parks Amenities Fund. This application seeks matching funds for a project to renovate one of the baseball fields at Center Street Park. I would like to communicate the strong support of the Center St Park neighborhood for this project and ask that the Parks Department support this funding application.

Since starting the Friends of Center Street Park in 2015, our group has worked diligently to achieve two objectives: help make capital investments in the park and increase park usage. This project clearly accelerates our objectives as a Friends Group by leveraging private funds to support improvements in the park, putting long dormant ballfields back in use, and increasing the number of stakeholders that are invested in this park's future. This project will help catalyze the redevelopment of Center Street Park and enable our Friends Group to focus attention on improving other areas of the park—including a major investment in the park's playground equipment over the next three years.

We greatly appreciate our partnership with Milwaukee County Parks and our common goal of improving access to quality green space for all Milwaukee County residents. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave Celata", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Dave Celata, President
Friends of Center St Park

Cc: Jay Burseth, Supervisor Edward Cullen, Joe DiGiovanni, Bret Swenson